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SUBJECT: GUYANA TOTAKE STRONG STAND ON REVISION OF CARICOM

MATERIALS AND PROCESS LISTS

1. GOG TRADE MINISTER GEORGET KING PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED IN JUNE 26 SPEECH THAT GUYANA WILL PUSH FOR REVISION OF CARICOM TRADE LISTS AT FORTHCOMING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN JAMAICA. GUYANA IS VPOSED TO INCLUSION OF OVERHEAD EXPENSES IN FIGURING VALUE-ADDED COSTS TO MEET 50 PERCENT CRITERION (40PERCENT IN CASE OF LDC'S). KING ALSO COMPLAINED THAT GUYANA MUST UNDER THE CARICOM TREATY IMPORT SOME ITEMS (HE CITD APPLE JUICE AND APRI-COT NECTAR) WHICH GUYANA OTHERWISE BANS, SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE PROCESSED WITHIN CARICOM. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT GUYANA HAS EMBARKED UPON A QUOTE FEED, CLOTHE, AND HOUSE UNQUOTE CAMPAIGN UNDER WHICH MOST NON-INDIGENOUS FOODS ARE TABOO.

2. MJNG QUOTED IN PRESS A HAVING SAID THAT JAMRUCA MEETING WOULD BE QUOTE BATTLE UNQUOTE, AND STATED THAT FORTHCOMING CONFRONTATION  
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A RESULT OF QUOTE THE DIVISIVE ELEMENTS IN OUR MIDST AND THE CON-

FLICTING OPTINIONS AS TO HOW CRICOM SHOULD WORK UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: KING'S REMARKS CONSTITUTE GOG'S STRONGEST PUBLIC STATEMNT YET ON CARICOM INEQUITIES AS GUYANA SEES THEM. PERHAPS GOG BELIEVES THAT SINCE TRINIDAD'S PM WILLIAMS HAS ALREADY SHAKEN CRICOM'S FOUNDATIONS SOMEWHAT WITH HIS ACCUSATORY COMMENTS ABOUT HIS CARICOM PARTNER'S RELATIONS WITH VENEZUELA, GUYANA MIGHT JUST AS WELL HAVE ITS LONG-HELD GRIEVANCE AIRED FORCEFULLY NOW. ALTHOUGH GUYANA DID HAVE A POSITIVE TRADE BALANCE WITH JAMAICA LAST YEAR,IT CANNOT HOPE TO COMPETE WITH ITS MORE DEVELOPED PARTNERS IN THE MEDIUM-TERM FOR SALES OF MANUFACTURES. IT IS ONLY GUYANA'S RICE WHICH KEEPS THIS COUNTRY FROM DEVASTATING TRADE IMBALANCES WITH TRINIDAD AND JAMAICA.  
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